

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

A transverse connector may include a pair of fastening systems configured to couple the transverse connector to elongated members. A fastening system may be a cam system. The cam system may include a contact surface that engages an elongated member or an elongated member engager when the cam system is activated to couple the transverse connector to the elongated member. Rotating the cam system may activate the cam system. A rotation activated cam system ~~preferable~~ preferably does not include a threaded connection to the transverse connector so that rotating the cam system does not axially advance the cam system within the transverse connector.